

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Amendment filed by Applicant on 10/08/2009 has been entered.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

2. Applicant's amendment and arguments filed on 10/08/2009 have been fully considered and they are found persuasive.

3. The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuji et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,396,865 (hereinafter "Tsuji") is withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art located or identified by the Examiner is Makihara et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,036,646 (hereinafter "Makihara"). Makihara teaches a method of packaging an integrated circuit in an inert gas relating to a container for an integrated circuit wafer. The container comprises gas barrier resins for use in high-nitrile resins and

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other conjugated diene resins. See Makihara, col. 2, line 41 through col. 3, line 8. Makihara also teaches the interior of the container filled with gases or an oxygen absorber. See Makihara, col. 4, lines 31-50. The present invention differs from Makihara in that the oxygen absorber contains a cyclized conjugated diene polymer as an active ingredient, not as part of an enclosed container.

6. As of the date of this Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including Makihara to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert D.

Harlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1102. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu, 10 AM - 8 PM.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Wu can be reached on (571) 273-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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